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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION TO GOE OF DAVAR REPORT OF
EISENSTAT REMARKS
REF: CAIRO 12812

1. YOU SHOULD INFORM FOREIGN MINISTER KAMEL THAT DAVAR
STORY WAS BASED ON INFORMAL COMMENTS ALLEGEDLY MADE BY
EISENSTAT AT PRIVATE SOCIAL FUNCTION IN ATLANTA. DAVAR
ACCOUNT ACCORDINGLY DOES NOT REPEAT NOT REPRESENT RELIABLE
STATEMENT OF U.S. POLICY. WE ARE HAPPY TO PROVIDE CLARIFI-
CATION BUT PLEASE ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE POINT
TO KAMEL THAT WE HOPE EGYPTIANS WILL LOOK TO U.S. PUBLIC
STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TOGETHER WITH WHAT
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WE CONVEY TO THEM IN PRIVATE CHANNELS AS AUTHORITATIVE
EXPRESSION OF U.S. POLICY, RATHER THAN WHAT APPEARS IN
ISRAELI PRESS.

2. SINCE KAMEL WAS NOT AT YOUR MEETING WITH SADAT IN MIT
ABUL KOM YOU MAY WISH TO CONVEY TO HIM MATERIAL IN PARA. 4
STATE 117796 ABOUT BEGIN VISIT, ADDING POINT THAT NEITHER
DURING DAYAN VISIT NOR BEGIN VISIT WERE ANY AGREEMENTS

REACHED WITH ISRAEL ON ISSUES INVOLVED IN PEACE SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC POINTS RAISED IN DAVAR ARTICLE, YOU MAY CONVEY FOLLOWING AS AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT OF U.S. POLICY:

POSITION THAT RESOLUTION 242 DOES NOT PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATED BORDER CHANGES IN FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT-- A POSITION THAT HAS PARTICULAR RELEVANCE AT CURRENT STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS TO WEST BANK/GAZA ISSUES. GOE HAS ITSELF TAKEN PUBLIC POSITION THAT MINOR MODIFICATIONS IN 1967 LINES ON WEST BANK ARE POSSIBLE.

(B) BOTH ISRAELIS AND GOE ARE AWARE OF OUR VIEW THAT DURING TRANSITIONAL PERIOD FOR WEST BANK/GAZA, PROVISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE FOR CONTINUED ISRAELI SECURITY PRESENCE. ISRAELI SECURITY CONCERNS WILL OF COURSE EXTEND BEYOND TRANSITIONAL PERIOD AND WILL HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT. WE HAVE NOT, HOWEVER, TAKEN ANY POSITION ON WHAT SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE AND BELIEVE THESE CAN ONLY BE DETERMINED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE PARTIES THAT CONVERT TRANSITIONAL REGIME INTO A FINAL SETTLEMENT.

(C) IN OUR VIEW STATUS OF WEST BANK AND GAZA TERRITORIES SHOULD BE DEFINED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AMONG PARTIES FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT THAT ENABLES THE PALESTINIANS TO
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PARTICIPATE IN THE DETERMINATION OF THEIR OWN FUTURE. OUR OWN VIEW IS THAT FINAL STATUS SHOULD PROVIDE FOR LINK WITH JORDAN AS MOST PRACTICAL AND REALISTIC LONG-TERM SOLUTION. OUR POSITION ON THIS POINT HAS NOT REPEAT NOT CHANGED.

(D) WE INDEED BELIEVE, AS PRESIDENT AND OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED, THAT PEACE SETTLEMENT MUST INVOLVE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS INCLUDING SUCH ASPECTS AS OPEN BORDERS AND END TO ECONOMIC WARFARE. WE WOULD CERTAINLY EXPECT SETTLEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR TERMINATION OF ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. (IN THIS RESPECT WE ARE MYSTIFIED BY DAVAR CORRESPONDENT ASSERTION AS REPORTED TEL AVIV 6199 THAT THIS SOMEHOW REPRESENTS "RETREAT" FROM FORMER U.S. POSITION; WE HAVE ALWAYS ASSUMED THAT FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT WOULD BRING END TO BOYCOTT.) VANCE

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